(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allocated Rs. 75 crore for vedic study in primary schools; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Scholarships for higher education

†397. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that arrangements have been made to provide scholarships and bank loans for getting higher education from the institutions affiliated with the Ministry of Human Resource Development during the recent years;

(b) if so, number of students provided with the scholarships and bank loans during the years 2000-2001 and 2001 -2002; and

(c) number of Scheduled Caste and ScheduledTribe students amongst the said beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Ministry of Human Resource Development does not give affiliation to the educational institutions. Scholarships to students in educational institutions are given by various sources including Central and State Governments and loans are advanced by banks directly to the students.

(b) and (c) No Central data is maintained in this regard.

Revamping higher education

398. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.